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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2008 4:17 PM
To: LAXER.TARA.S30
Cc: Joseph Moore; Dianne Howard (EBRM Director)
Subject: Re: Audit Issue: Senator Deutch's office

Tara, this is the letter. My wife got one, also, as an employee and I am covered under her eye insurance so we will need to produce our 23-year old marriage certificate...a minor inconvenience if the district is to keep insurance rates and costs down due to fraud.

The audit was a review by the district's volunteer school board advisory committee chaired by well-respected Lake Worth CPA Cindy Adair. Their recommendation is a best-practice that many large corporations are doing nationally. The 1040 is the only legal document that validates claiming of exemptions. I had the same issue many years ago when my son's mother and I had to determine who would pay for his insurance as a minor.

That said, by copy, I'm asking Joe and Diane Howard, Director of Risk Management, to forward to you more specific answers to your questions...

Vern

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From: LAXER.TARA.S30
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Subject: Audit Issue: Senator Deutch's office

Vern,

I hope all is well!

If you could let me know the best person to speak to, if it is you or Diane but the Senator wanted to find out if the letter was sent out to all employees of the school district, was it necessary to ask for the 1040 tax return and what is the cost for the actual audit itself. What is the money earned/money saved through this process.

I have attached to you the letter that Senator Deutch's constituent was very concerned about.

Thank you

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FYI. This is new, but Diane's note is self explanatory. Fraudulent claims only help increase the district's insurance costs as the district is self insured beyond the employee/family co-pay amount.

Vern

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From: [Dianne Howard \(EBRM Director\)](#)
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Hi Vern. This is something that was recommended by the district's audit committee to assure we pay premiums for and cover only those who are actually eligible for coverage. After doing research, we found literature indicating that more than 50% of companies have recently or will soon conduct these type of verification reviews. Therefore to ensure that we are only covering eligible dependents, all employees wishing to cover their dependents will be required to show the appropriate documents.

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Can you give me an update?

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